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PRICE LIST AND NEWS BULLETIN FROM SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY



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JANUARY, 1940

CHINESE PERSIMMONS

1. Some years ago I made a personal journey to North China in the attempt to get the hardest of those wonderful oriental persimmons that are so important in China and about which travellers are so enthusiastic. I searched through Korea, along the base of the Great Wall north of Peiping (none are grown north of the Great Wall), also westward into the plateau province of Shansi.

I brought back nine varieties. Two of them have now been proved out and born fruit enough times here at Round Hill to merit experimental planting, at least on the line of Long Island, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and southward. Average January and July temperatures at Peiping are almost identical with those of Omaha, Nebraska. Complete dormancy is the deciding factor. See our booklet about care and fertilizing of Nut trees.

If you never got a persimmon these trees are worth growing as ornaments. They have a great mass of heavy glossy foliage almost as dark as the orange tree. In autumn the leaves drop and orange colored fruits shine beautifully in the sun.

The fruit is about two inches in diameter, should be picked hard, laid away in a cool place until they get soft enough to eat with a spoon. When you do this you want to go back to China for more, or grow them in your yard. You need not pick them until after frost.

These trees are leggy looking because, instead of being grafted four or five inches above the ground, as is common with nursery stock, they are grafted high up to give a long native American persimmon stock. Those who know say that this makes the trees hardier, and I have found it so. Owing to their spindling character these trees need to be tied up with a pole for a few seasons.

Please remember that I give no guarantee whatever about these except that they are genuine trees of the oriental species (*Diospyros kaki*), grown from trees that have born good fruit here at the nursery in a climate quite as rigorous as that of Philadelphia. If you have any flair for experimenting you will want a couple. For care of these trees see recommendations for English walnut in booklet on care of trees.

2. CHINESE CHESTNUT—I have a new one, the Hobson, only in sizes: 3-6 feet, a few 7 ft.

3. CHINESE CHESTNUT trees bore in the nursery and in the experimental grounds in a most surprising way. They are proving to be better than I had thought them to be, and that's saying a good deal.

4. We have just a few trees of Austin **JAPANESE CHESTNUT**. The parent tree of this variety was awarded the largest money prize ever given for a nut tree in the United States. I have seen the parent tree in Delaware. It seems to be perfectly blight proof, although the native American stock on which it was grafted was badly affected. The nut is very large but very sweet.

5. OUR CONNECTICUT YANKEE trees were sold out close last spring but a few of the larger ones are bearing.

6. HONEY LOCUST—Great big, fat sugary beans hung in masses and ripened on test trees of the two T. V. A. honey locusts that I am offering. They have proved themselves in the Philadelphia climate. If you have a cow let her have a little fun. She likes candy as well as any girl.

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PRICE LIST FOR NUT TREES
SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.
SPRING, 1940

The Nursery is at Round Hill, Va., but the sales office is at Swarthmore, Pa.

Good for orders placed before November 1st, 1940 when new price list will be out. After November 1st, 1940, orders will be in accord with the price list of that date. This cancels all previous lists.

All trees are grafted unless otherwise specified. Will be shipped bare root and properly cut back unless otherwise requested.

Be sure to read the paragraph below about shipping with ball of earth.

Prices F. O. B. Railway Express or Freight office, Purcellville, Va., unless otherwise stated. Please be sure to give correct shipping address. We do hate to send a tree to the wrong place.

ONE DOZEN SOLD FOR THE PRICE OF TEN TREES.

**DOZEN RATE DOES NOT APPLY TO LESS THAN FOUR TREES OF
ONE VARIETY IN AN ORDER TOTALING 12 TREES.**

| | 1-2 ft. Each | 2-3 ft. Each | 3-4 ft. Each | 4-5 ft. Each | 5-6 ft. Each | 6-7 ft. Each | 7-8 ft. Each | 8-10 ft. Each | 10-12 ft. Each |
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| Black Walnut ** (Thomas, Stabler Tasterite) | \$ | | \$1.75 | \$2.00 | \$2.50 | \$3.00 | \$3.50 | \$4.50 | \$5.50 |
| Northern Pecan ‡ (Busseron, Posey, Green- river, and Kentucky) | | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | |
| PECAN x HICKORY HY- BRID—HICCAN (Burlington, McCallis- ter, Des Moines (rival of Burlington) Gerardi, a new one) | | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 7.00 | |
| Hybrid Hickory (Fairbanks, Stratford) | | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 4.00 | | | |
| Pure Shagbark (Grafted) | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | | | | | | |
| English Walnut (Grafted) Wilz Mayette, Broad- view, Treat Franquette | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 3.25 | 3.50 | 4.00 | | |
| Chinese Chestnut (Grafted)* Zimmerman, Carr, Con- necticut Yankee, Hobson | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 3.00 | 4.00 | | |
| Chinese Chestnut Seedlings See below. | | | | | | | | | |
| Japanese Chestnut (Graft- ed) Variety Austin .. | 1.25 | | | | | | | | |
| Persimmon (Grafted) American, Early Gold- en, Killen, Kansas *** | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.20 | 2.35 | 2.50 | 2.60 | | | |
| Chinese Persimmon, Great Wall, Peiping | | 2.00 | 2.50 | | | | | | |
| Honey Locust (Grafted) Two T. V. A. Varieties ‡‡ | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.40 | 1.50 | 1.65 | | | | |
| Honey Locust Seedlings (For your own grafting. Transplanted) | | | .35 | | | | | | |
| Mulberry (Grafted) Hicks variety | | | | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | |
| Pawpaw Seedlings | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | | | | | | |

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CHESTNUT TREES THAT HAVE RIPENED NUTS

The sensation of the year in our little nursery is the surprising way that the chestnut trees came into bearing in the nursery row. A number of trees, 5 - 6 feet, 6 - 7 feet, 7 - 8 feet, 8 - 9 feet, have ripened nuts. These trees have been carefully marked. If you want some of these proved trees of Zimmerman and Carr variety and some Connecticut Yankee, add \$1.00 to the list price. If you take it with ball of earth you will have nuts in a hurry. Remember you need two kinds for pollination.

Chinese Chestnut Seedlings—Sturdy, two-year trees, well-rooted, parcel post prepaid: 3 trees \$1.00; 12 trees \$3.00; 100 trees \$22.00. (25 sold at hundred rate.)

‡ If interested in very beautiful shade try a **big pecan**. Write for rare tree list.

* **NOTE:** The **Connecticut Yankee** variety is for some reason very hard to graft, and therefore much more expensive to grow, and prices for it are 40¢ per tree higher for all sizes.

** **Specimen Black Walnuts** to ornament your yard at once and bear nuts soon. Get our rare tree list. Tasterite is a native of Ithaca, N. Y. It belongs in the North.

*** **Kansas Persimmon** seems to be in same class as Connecticut Yankee chestnut. We got very few of them. They are of 2 - 3 and 3 - 4 foot sizes and we have to ask 40¢ per tree extra for them. These trees are very precocious. They regularly bear in nursery row if they are allowed to get 4 feet tall.

†† Special price on quantity.

BALL OF EARTH

I strongly recommend that you let us ship large sized trees, by railway freight with ball of earth (balled and burlapped). You will be surprised to see how reasonable the freight rates are. Your local railway can give you exact freight rate to your station. Present rates per 100 pounds, from Purcellville, Va., to:

Philadelphia, Pa., 60¢; Boston, Mass., 91¢; Buffalo, N. Y., 90¢; Pittsburgh, Pa., 76¢; Chicago, Ill., \$1.12. You should count on the trees weighing from 200 to 500 lbs. according to size.

Planting with ball of earth is the quick way to get a nut tree started. It can start to growing the first year and you save two years' time. I did it with my 40 acres of Pecans—trucking the trees fifteen miles. Two years ago I put 40 balled and burlapped hickories out in a bluegrass sheep pasture. They all lived but one. Let us send yours that way.

We have sent two large shipments balled and burlapped to Texas with complete success.

Trees will be prepared with ball of earth carefully burlapped and put on train for \$1.00 per tree extra for trees under 6 ft.; \$1.50 for trees 6 - 8 ft.; \$2.50, 8 - 10 ft.; \$3.50, 10 - 12 ft.

FALL PLANTING recommended on Long Island and south of line—New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg. November is an excellent time. In the spring plant as early as you can.

Address and make checks payable to:
SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.

Do not telephone Swarthmore about trees. Do not call there about trees. It is a strictly mail order office. The trees are far away on the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. Your letters will receive prompt attention, so will your orders.

A HYBRID FREE TO EXPERIMENTERS

Years ago the late Dr. Walter Van Fleet, of United States Department of Agriculture, hybridized the American Chinkapin and the Japanese Chestnut. The result is called S.8, and is one of the most productive Chestnut trees known. It bears young annually and ripens about September first at Philadelphia. The beautiful nut is not of high quality but good for roasting. When the parent tree was about 30 feet high these came a great drought and one limb developed the all too well known chestnut blight. Thereupon the Department forbade me to sell the trees. I am however permitted to give them away provided you promise to sign agreement not to propagate to sell. I have a few trees more than I wish to plant and will give one free of cost while they last to any one who buys a \$10.00 order of other trees and asks for the S.8 tree.

SHAGBARK HICKORIES

The shagbark nut is good. It is one of the best in the world. The tree is beautiful but I find it is the very dickens to propagate.

I have only a small stock of these trees, a few each of a number of varieties from various latitudes. You state the size you want to pay for and let us do the best we can on fitting the variety to your locality. We have a geographer on the staff.

GET OUR RARE TREE LIST

As company for my old age I am building up a collection of varieties of Shagbarks and hickory hybrids on my Blue Ridge mountainside. I now have about 70 varieties. They are interesting company. My human friends get busy, they get old and bald, they go to the great beyond. The trees keep green and grow greater and greater as the years roll by—very interesting company.

During the last 25 years the Northern Nut Growers Association has been advertising and offering prizes for the best Hickory nuts. Nearly a hundred varieties have been thought good enough to name and give a trial. Mr. Willard Bixby, of Baldwin, N. Y., had most of these as some of his several hundred varieties of nut trees. After his lamented death this priceless arboretum was dispersed. I got cions of most of the Hickories for my old-age collection and to test out for the benefit of the public. I CAN SPARE A TREE OR TWO OF A FEW VARIETIES.

This is an opportunity for experimenters that is not likely to happen again soon. Write for our Rare Tree List.

READING GUIDES FOR THE OWNER OF NUT TREES

1. THE PLANTING, FERTILIZATION, & CARE OF NUT TREES

by J. Russell Smith, ScD, postpaid 25¢.

Don't buy good trees and then kill them by misguided care. This booklet will save you many times its cost and increase the results for all but the most skillful.

2. TREE CROPS, A PERMANENT AGRICULTURE,

by J. Russell Smith, ScD.

This book is 300 pages of pleasure to the person who loves trees or loves the earth or who likes to hear about things he never thought of before.

If you have a streak of ingenuity you will like this book. It tells how we are on the road to a whole new series of crops that grow on trees instead of on straw. Don't you want to have a hand in this new thing? The tree is nature's real engine of production and this book tells about some of them—Pecans, Persimmons, Hickories, Hybrids, Black Walnuts, English Walnuts, Honey Locust (cowfeed), Acorn bread and other things that are just over the hill waiting to come into your yard.

If you have a constructive imagination this book is likely to cause you to start something.

Price \$1.60 postpaid to any part of the United States. If you see it and don't want it send it back in good order after 5 days and you will get your money back promptly. I have found this to be a very safe offer. They don't come back. People keep them to read them a second time.

3. HOW TO GRAFT NUT TREES.

Postpaid 25¢.

The real fun is to graft your own nut trees. It is not especially difficult but it does require special technique. This illustrated booklet tells just how to do it.

This booklet is Appendix F of the book Tree Crops. So you don't need both unless you want the booklet to carry around with you.

Address And Make Checks Payable To
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